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Introduction

The first year of the 2003/2004 legislative session was dominated by the state budget deficit and how best to resolve California's fiscal crisis. It is clear that budget issues will continue to present major challenges to both fiscal and social policy development in the coming years. Preserving programs that serve women and children and meet the needs of the underserved are an ongoing and major concern to the Commission.

The goal of **economy security for all** California women underscored the Commission's legislative agenda in 2003. Targeted legislation included efforts to increase access to health care for all Californians; preserve reproductive freedom; protect and support victims of sexual assault, stalking, and domestic violence; prohibit discrimination in employment and education; expand child and elder care services; improve enforcement of child and spousal support orders; and protect the best interests of children in custody agreements.

Our 2003 priority agenda included 78 **support bills**, 49 of which were successful, including 22 Resolutions. The Commission **opposed** 11 measures that would have negatively impacted reproductive freedom, paid family leave, equal opportunity in athletics, and the establishment of paternity—**none** of these measures **were approved** by the Legislature.

On the downside, two priority measures were **vetoed**—AB 1219 (Montañez) sought to improve educational opportunities for inmates, and AB 1715 (Corbett) would have made pre-dispute mandatory arbitration agreements involving claims under the Fair Employment and Housing Act unlawful.

Session highlights included the enactment of **SB 2** by Senators John Burton and Jackie Speier extending **health care coverage** to more than **one million uninsured** workers and their families, and **AB 833** by Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg protecting **equal athletic opportunities** for women and girls in California.

SB 71 by Senator Shelia Kuehl will give California schools clearer guidelines regarding **sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction** by consolidating existing provisions of the state Education Code. This new law will help ensure that such instruction is comprehensive, medically accurate, and free of bias.

Under the provisions of **AB 205** by Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, **registered domestic partners** will receive many of the same legal rights and responsibilities as married couples in California. The enactment of **AB 996** by Assemblywoman Patricia Wiggins will protect **reproductive health care facilities** against cancellation of, or refusal to renew, their property insurance on the sole basis that they have had to file a claim as a result of an anti-reproductive rights hate crime.

During 2003, the Commission monitored nearly 300 bills that had potential impact on California women and their families. Many of these became law. This “***Summary of New Laws***” highlights bills monitored by the Commission that were signed into law by Governor Gray Davis. These new laws become effective on January 1, 2004, unless indicated as an “urgency” measure, which generally means they become effective immediately upon the Governor’s signature.

Resolutions, which do not have the force of law, are assigned a chapter number by the Secretary of State when passed by the Legislature, but do not require the Governor’s signature.

You can access bill history, committee analyses, and voting records for any of the legislative measures included in this report by visiting www.leginfo.ca.gov. For more information on the California State Commission on the Status of Women, contact us at 916-445-3173 or visit our website at www.women.ca.gov.

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Child/Other Dependent Care

AB 305 Mullin

Chapter 430

Density bonuses: child care facilities

Requires cities or counties to grant developers an additional density bonus, concession, or incentive if a child care facility is included in a developer's housing project. Local governments that have adequate child care facilities based on substantial evidence are not required to provide the additional incentive or bonus.

AB 458 Chu

Chapter 331

Foster Care

Seeks to ensure that foster children and others in the foster care community have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) status.

AB 464 Levine

Chapter 105

Adult day health care centers

Prohibits Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) centers from requiring family members to attend or assist with activities of daily living or to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or physical or mental disabilities. ADHC centers may not accept participants for whom the program cannot provide appropriate care.

AB 529 Mullin

Chapter 744

Family day care homes

Treats one child attending kindergarten the same as a child of six years of age or older for purposes of allowing additional children to be cared for by licensed family day care homes.

AB 634 Steinberg and Simitian

Chapter 242

Elder abuse actions: confidentiality

Increases protections under California's Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act by ensuring that court-approved secret agreements and protective orders cannot be used to hide information about abuse, including both a defendant's identity and the facts of the abuse committed.

AB 1131 Jackson

Chapter 543

Crime

Expands the definition of financial elder abuse to include forgery, fraud or identity theft committed against an elder or dependent adult.

AB 1326 Simitian

Chapter 691

Child care subsidies: County of San Mateo: pilot project

Creates a San Mateo County child care subsidy pilot project utilizing child care funds allocated to the County from state and federal sources into a single countywide child care delivery system. The pilot program will run through January 1, 2009.

AB 1683 Pavley

Chapter 403

Child day care: licensing report

Seeks to give parents timely information concerning the conditions of their children's child care facility by requiring the State Department of Social Services (DSS) to post a notice in a child care facility each time a facility visit is made.

AJR 12 Chan

Resolution Chapter 72

Head Start program

Requests Congress to acknowledge the success and maintain the funding support of the Head Start program.

SB 496 Alpert

Chapter 75

Drug-endangered children

Encourages counties, by January 1, 2005, to develop, adopt, and implement written policies and standards for the creation of drug-endangered children's programs to coordinate responses by law enforcement and social service agencies in cases in which children have been subjected to drug poisoning and related neglect.

Economic Security

AB 231 Steinberg and Lieber

Chapter 743

Food stamps: CalWORKs: benefits

Exempts motor vehicles from being considered in the pool of resources when determining income eligibility for food stamps under CalWORKs benefits.

AB 647 Nuñez

Chapter 109

Tenancy: code violations: penalties

Provides tenants additional recourse when a landlord fails to abate a nuisance or repair a substandard condition after a housing code enforcement officer has provided notice, benefiting renters against landlords refusing to comply with mandates to make their dwellings habitable.

ACR 79 Lieber

Resolution Chapter 51

Equal Pay Day

Proclaims April 15, 2003, as Equal Pay Day and urges California citizens to recognize the full value of women's skills and significant contributions to the labor force.

SB 285 Speier
Income taxes: innocent spouse

Chapter 370

Requires the Franchise Tax Board, until January 1, 2009, to grant "innocent spouse" relief from state taxes and penalties to a taxpayer who has previously been granted such relief for federal tax purposes and who meets certain conditions.

SB 727 Kuehl

Chapter 797

Unemployment and disability compensation: family temporary disability insurance

Clarifies and amends existing provisions of the Family Temporary Disability Insurance Program to, among other things, improve the transition from pregnancy leave to paid family leave and to help employees manage their own or a family member's chronic illness.

SCR 12 Alarcón

Resolution Chapter 117

Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan to End Poverty in California

Establishes the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan to End Poverty in California and to report to the Legislature on the state of poverty in California.

SJR 3 Alarcón and Romero

Resolution Chapter 136

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program

Urges Congress to (1) increase TANF block grant funding to certain states, (2) allow states to use TANF funds to provide an additional 24 months of TANF eligibility for families who have used 60 months of TANF eligibility, (3) consider "stopping the clock" on TANF assistance for recipients who are meeting work participation requirements or live in counties with high unemployment rates, (4) increase funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, and (5) give states flexibility to design the most effective strategies to help people secure jobs.

Education

AB 54 Oropeza

Chapter 817

Teacher training: cultural competency

Requires the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to contract with an independent evaluator to conduct a study of the availability and effectiveness of cultural competency training for teachers and administrators in culturally diverse public schools.

AB 833 Steinberg

Chapter 660

Sex equity in education: athletics

Establishes standards for assessing how well California educational institutions are meeting the needs of both sexes in athletics, and places in California law the three-prong test established under federal Title IX as it applies to athletics.

SB 71 Kuehl

Chapter 650

Education: sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction

Consolidates various provisions of the Education Code by establishing the California Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act. Clarifies and simplifies sex education guidelines and ensures that sex education in California public schools is comprehensive, medically accurate, and free of bias.

SB 302 Kuehl

Chapter 784

Discrimination: state programs and activities

Clarifies that existing non-discrimination and accessibility obligations of state entities expressly includes the California State University.

Employment

AB 76 Corbett

Chapter 671

Employment discrimination

Amends the Fair Employment & Housing Act (FEHA) to protect employees from harassment by a client or customer. Currently, an employer who fails to take corrective action to prevent further harassment of an employee is liable only if another employee is perpetrating the harassment.

AB 196 Leno

Chapter 164

Discrimination

Includes gender stereotyping as a prohibited form of sex discrimination under the Fair Employment and Housing Act. This would protect all individuals from discriminatory treatment, including those whose identity, appearance, or behavior does not conform to stereotypical gender expectations.

Equality

AB 17 Kehoe

Chapter 752

State contracts: acquisition of goods and services

Prohibits state agencies from contracting with companies who do not offer benefits to employees with domestic partners equal to benefits provided to employees with spouses.

AB 205 Goldberg

Chapter 421

Domestic partners

Enacts the California Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003, which will grant registered domestic partners nearly all of the same rights, benefits, and responsibilities currently granted only to married spouses.

ACR 13 Jackson
Girls and Women in Sports Week

Resolution Chapter 4

Proclaims February 3 to 9, 2003 as California Girls and Women in Sports Week, recognizing female athletes, coaches, officials, and sports administrators for their important contribution in promoting the value of sports in the achievement of full human potential.

ACR 23 Jerome Horton
Black History Month

Resolution Chapter 7

Recognizes February 2003 as Black History Month, urging all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African-Americans during Black History Month, and encourages the people of California to recognize the many talents, achievements, and contributions that African-Americans make to their communities.

ACR 43 Montañez and Wolk
Girl Scouts

Resolution Chapter 28

Commends the Girl Scouts for 91 years of service and for inspiring millions of girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and patriotism.

AJR 30 Liu
Japanese American World War II Internment

Resolution Chapter 61

Condemns the statements made by Congressman Howard Coble regarding the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, urging him to apologize, and encouraging him to resign from the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security of the Judiciary Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

AJR 48 Liu and Jackson
Women's Equality Day

Resolution Chapter 158

Petitions Congress and the President to uphold protections of women's equality and to encourage all Americans to participate in the celebration of Women's Equality Day on August 26, 2003, the 83rd anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment, giving women the right to vote.

SCR 13 Figueroa
Women's History Month

Resolution Chapter 22

Declares that the Legislature joins the California Commission on the Status of Women and the National Women's History Project in honoring the contributions of women by proclaiming March 2003 as Women's History Month and urging Californians to join in the celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2003.

SCR 37 Vincent
Juneteenth: June 19

Resolution Chapter 88

Recognizes June 19, 2003, as Juneteenth and urges the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that African-Americans have played in the history of the United States and how they have enriched society through their steadfast commitment to promoting brotherhood and equality.

Family Law

AB 308 Montañez
Money judgements: writs of execution

Chapter 17

Provides that the issuance of writs of execution for child support and spousal support orders be given priority by clerks of the court over the issuance of other writs by the clerk of the issuing court.

AB 408 Steinberg
Dependent children

Chapter 813

Seeks to achieve permanency for older foster youth by requiring that children age 10 and older who have been in foster care for least 6 months and placed in a group home, have a case plan that includes identification of individuals important to the child and the actions necessary to maintain contact with such individuals.

AB 524 Haynes
Dependent children

Chapter 306

Requires that, when a child welfare services agency takes a child into protective custody due to suspected neglect or abuse by a parent or guardian, the child shall be released to the parent or guardian immediately, but not more than two working days after the court has issued the release order.

AB 579 Chu
Dependent children: notice to siblings

Chapter 558

Requires that notice of juvenile court hearings be provided to any sibling of a child who is the subject of the hearings and the sibling's attorney, if that sibling is either also subject to a dependency proceeding or who has been made a dependent of the juvenile court.

AB 738 Jackson
Child support enforcement

Chapter 308

Establishes the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program (QAPI) to provide planned, coordinated and uniform statewide structure and tools to improve child support performance and meet federal performance standards.

AB 739 Jackson

Chapter 387

Child support: State Disbursement Unit

Establishes the Child Support Payment Trust Fund in the State Treasury to function as a revolving fund to hold child support payments until it is determined where the money is to be paid, providing payment to the custodial parent has cleared.

AB 1516 Bates

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Chapter 52

Child custody: abduction

Seeks to protect a domestic violence victim from criminal charges if the victim escapes the abuser with his/her children. In order to avoid criminal charges the victim must have reason to believe the abuser will harm the child and must comply with provisions of existing law.

SB 156 Burton

Chapter 674

Custody: residence of the child

States the intention of the Legislature to affirm the decision In re Marriage of Burgess (1966) 13 Cal.4th 25, and declare that ruling to be the public policy and law of this State. The Burgess decision provides that when a judicial custody order is in place, a custodial parent seeking to relocate does not have to show why it is necessary to do so.

SB 265 Kuehl

Chapter 243

Child custody: domestic violence

Revises and clarifies existing law to ensure that the preference for frequent and continuing contact with both parents is not used to allow the award of custody to a perpetrator of domestic violence.

Health Care Access

AB 9 Dymally

Chapter 200

Urban community health institute

Creates the Urban Community Health Institute Centers to Eliminate Health Disparities at the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, which is designed to focus on the elimination of health disparities in the delivery of health services to multicultural populations in targeted areas of Los Angeles County. Creation of the Institute is contingent on private or federal funding,

AB 175 Cohn

Chapter 203

Health care provider contracts

Mandates that underlying rights and obligations of a contract between a health plan and a provider be honored when a health plan sells or leases its network of health care providers to a third party payor.

AB 195 Chan
Health education

Chapter 550

Amends the Education Code to specify that school districts may voluntarily collaborate with HMO's and other health care providers to educate children regarding preventive health care, including such topics as better nutrition to prevent obesity and diabetes.

AB 373 Chu
Healthy Families Program

Chapter 139

Effective July 1, 2004, requires that when a subscriber selects a clinic or an employee of a clinic as his or her primary care provider in the Healthy Families Program, the subscriber will be assigned directly to that clinic.

AB 801 Diaz
Dentists and physicians and surgeons

Chapter 510

Creates a voluntary program that provides continuing education and credits to increase physicians' cultural and linguistic competency.

AB 879 Koretz
Human immunodeficiency virus: post-exposure prophylaxis: task force

Chapter 746

Requires the State Department of Health Services (DHS), through the Office of AIDS, to convene a task force to develop recommendations for the use of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) in the general population for prevention of HIV infection.

AB 1082 Laird
Public employee health care benefits: domestic partners

Chapter 764

Allows a local agency to provide health coverage through CalPERS for the domestic partners of its employees and annuitants, regardless of whether that domestic partner meets the definition established by the state.

AB 1196 Montañez
Drugs

Chapter 748

Permits a nurse practitioner, meeting specified requirements, to order or furnish Schedule II controlled substances (CSII) in accordance with a patient-specific protocol approved by a treating or supervising physician.

AB 1241 Parra
Nursing education scholarships

Chapter 396

Establishes a pilot scholarship program for an associate degree nursing program in counties determined to have the greatest shortage of nurses.

AB 1528 Cohn

Chapter 672

California Health Care Quality Improvement and Cost Containment Commission

Requires the Governor to convene a 27-member California Health Care Quality Improvement and Cost Containment Commission to research and recommend strategies for promoting high quality care and containing health care costs. Additionally requires the Commission to issue a report of their recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor by January 1, 2005.

ACR 15 Frommer

Resolution Chapter 9

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Proclaims the month of March 2003 to be "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month."

ACR 16 Nation

Resolution Chapter 62

Nutrition: vegetarian school lunches

Urges the State Departments of Education and Health Services to develop nutritionally sound school lunch menu plans that would provide daily optional plant-centered vegetarian school lunches and would state that nutrition educational materials and instruction should include information about multicultural eating patterns and vegetarian/vegan eating patterns.

ACR 48 Runner

Resolution Chapter 14

Endometriosis Awareness Month

Proclaims the month of March 2003 as Endometriosis Awareness Month.

ACR 51 Koretz

Resolution Chapter 50

Postpartum Mood and Anxiety Disorder Awareness Month

Recognizes May 2003 as Postpartum Mood and Anxiety Disorder Awareness Month and requests the States Department of Health Services and Mental Health to collaborate on ways to improve women's access to mental health care, facilitate increased awareness and education about postpartum mood and anxiety disorders, and improve the availability of effective treatment and support services.

ACR 90 Chan

Resolution Chapter 57

Asian and Pacific Islander Mental Health Awareness Month

Proclaims May 2003 as Asian and Pacific Islander Mental Health Awareness Month, urging Californians to join forces with mental health advocates, mental health care workers, and leaders in the Asian American community to raise awareness of mental health concerns in the Asian American community and in the State of California.

ACR 125 Nation and Garcia

Resolution Chapter 145

Breast cancer

Designates October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and designates October 17, 2003, as Breast Exam and Mammography Awareness Day.

SB 2 Burton and Speier
Health care coverage

Chapter 673

Requires employers who do not provide basic health care to employees to pay a user fee into a state health purchasing fund, which would provide coverage to an estimated 1.5 million California workers and their families who currently have no health care coverage.

SB 24 Figueroa
Health care: accelerated enrollment

Chapter 895

Simplifies Medi-Cal enrollment procedures for pregnant women and infants to ensure health care coverage for eligible recipients.

SB 139 Brulte and Scott
Abandoned newborns: safe-surrender

Chapter 150

Revises the abandoned newborns "Safe Haven Law" to allow babies to be safely surrendered within 72 hours of birth to any "safe-surrender" site designated by the County Board of Supervisors, or any location within a public or private hospital designated by that hospital.

SB 200 Murray
Long-term care insurance: genetic testing

Chapter 408

Prohibits, until January 1, 2008, long-term care insurers from using genetic testing to determine insurability or for underwriting proposes.

SB 322 Ortiz
Stem cell research

Chapter 506

Requires the State Department of Health Services to develop guidelines for research involving the derivation or use of human embryonic stem cells in California. This requirement would become effective on or before January 1, 2005.

SB 617 Speier
Anatomical gifts: tissue banks: informed consent

Chapter 464

Requires organ and tissue organizations to advise donors of their right to withhold consent for donated material to be used for cosmetic purposes, to be used outside the United States, or by for-profit tissue processors and distributors.

SB 677 Ortiz
The California Childhood Obesity Prevention Act

Chapter 415

Limits the sale of sugared drinks in primary and intermediate schools in order to reduce childhood obesity. Requires schools to provide healthy alternatives for students.

SB 686 Ortiz **Chapter 899**

Long-term care facilities: insurance: Medi-Cal reimbursement

Requires insurers issuing policies of liability insurance to long-term care facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, or physicians who provide services to residents in those facilities to provide 90 days notice to the State Department of Insurance when they wish to leave the market.

SB 771 Ortiz **Chapter 507**

Human cells: embryo registry: egg cell donation

Requires the State Department of Health Services to establish and administer a stem cell research program which, among other things, would serve as a repository of embryos donated for research.

SB 853 Escutia **Chapter 713**

Health care language assistance

Requires the State Department of Managed Health Care to develop standards for access to qualified health interpreters for persons with limited English proficiency and requirements for informing enrollees of the ability to access interpreters.

SB 875 Escutia **URGENCY MEASURE** **Chapter 879**

Child and parental nutrition

Requires the State Department of Health Services to develop or obtain a brochure on educating pregnant women and new parents about the importance of preventing chronic disease by eating more fruits and vegetables and staying active every day. Additionally, provides that the measure only be implemented if, and to the extent that, federal or private funds, or both, are available for that purpose.

SB 907 Burton **Chapter 485**

Professions and vocations: naturopathic doctors

Provides for the licensure and authorizes the practice of naturopathy. Additionally, establishes criteria, scope and standards for the practice and education of naturopathic doctors.

SB 937 Ducheny **Chapter 602**

Clinics: licensure and operation

Permits a primary care clinic to add a service or remodel a site without first having to apply for a new license from the State Department of Health Services.

SB 1075 Committee on Health & Human Services **Chapter 886**

Health and social services

Requires that the State Department of Health Services to include in website content or in any breast cancer literature it produces certain information on breast cancer risk factors in younger women and alternatives to mammography.

SCR 14 McPherson
Arthritis awareness

Resolution Chapter 66

Recognizes the need to create and foster a statewide Arthritis Awareness Program and to work to adequately fund the program in 2004.

SJR 10 Soto
Medicare prescription drug coverage

Resolution Chapter 96

Requests Congress to enact outpatient prescription drug coverage as part of the federal Medicare program.

Reproductive Health

AB 561 Lieber and Chu
Family planning: teen pregnancy

Chapter 643

Establishes teen pregnancy prevention programs on a continuing basis in California statute without mandating funding. These programs include the TeenSMART; Male Involvement Program (MIP); Community Challenge Grants (CCG); and the Information and Education (I&E) Programs within the Office of Family Planning, State Department of Health Services.

AB 663 Lieber
Pelvic examinations

Chapter 644

Prohibits physicians, surgeons, and medical students from performing pelvic exams on anesthetized or unconscious patients unless the patient has provided informed consent; the exam is within the specified scope of care; or, in cases where the patient is unconscious, the exam is required for diagnostic purposes.

AB 996 Wiggins
Insurance

Chapter 647

Prohibits insurers from canceling or refusing to renew property insurance policies of a reproductive health services facility solely on the basis that one or more claims was made as a result of an anti-reproductive rights hate crime. Also prohibits the imposition of excessive or unfairly discriminatory premiums because the facility has been the victim of a hate crime.

AB 1676 Dutra
Human immunodeficiency virus: maternal and newborn health

Chapter 749

Requires that the blood of pregnant women be tested for HIV under specified circumstances. Additionally, ensures that the woman is informed of, among other things, the purpose of testing and that the woman has a right to refuse testing.

AJR 2 Jackson and Chan
Reproductive Rights: Roe v. Wade

Resolution Chapter 63

Requests the President and Congress to stand firm in their resolve to uphold the intent and substance of the United States Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, and to encourage all Americans to participate in the national celebration, “Celebrating 30 Years of Roe v. Wade”.

SB 490 Alpert
Pharmacy: prescriptions

Chapter 651

Expands existing law regarding Emergency Contraception (EC) to also authorize a pharmacist to furnish EC drug therapy according to a standardized procedure or protocol approved by both the State Board of Pharmacy and the Medical Board of California. Would also require a pharmacist to complete a specified training program before dispensing emergency contraception drug therapy.

SB 545 Speier
Emergency contraception drug therapy

Chapter 652

Prohibits a pharmacist from charging a separate consultation fee for the initiation of emergency contraception (EC) drug therapy, but authorizes an administrative fee not to exceed \$10 above the retail cost of the drug. Also limits the information a pharmacist may require a woman to provide before receiving the medication and revises training requirements for pharmacists in order to dispense EC.

SB 932 Bowen
Nonprofit corporations: health facilities

Chapter 65

Prohibits the State Attorney General from consenting to a health facility agreement or transaction that would place restrictions on the type or level of medical services that may be provided by the facility.

Violence

AB 134 Cohn
Domestic violence

Chapter 262

Increases the fine for an individual convicted of inflicting corporal injury resulting in a traumatic condition upon a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, or mother or father of the individual's child (domestic violence) who had a prior conviction for misdemeanor domestic violence battery from up to \$6,000 to up to \$10,000.

AB 184 Lowenthal
Department of Motor Vehicles: records

Chapter 720

Allows victims of domestic violence and stalking who are participants in the Secretary of State's Safe At Home Program to have their registration or driver's license record suppressed from other individuals.

AB 352 Goldberg

Chapter 431

Domestic violence: probation conditions

Increases the minimum fine for defendants convicted of domestic violence related offenses and placed on probation. Additionally, specifies that counties shall receive two-thirds rather than one-third of the fine revenue.

AB 383 Cohn

Chapter 29

Criminal procedure

Requires a defendant charged with a misdemeanor domestic violence offense or a violation of a domestic violence protective order to be present at any time during the court proceedings to inform the defendant of the conditions of a domestic violence protective order.

AB 506 Maze

Chapter 535

Sexual assault victims: toxicology testing

Allows a victim of a sexual assault to voluntarily provide, where indicated by the history of the contact, a blood and urine sample as part of their forensic sexual assault medical examination in order to determine if the assailant used drugs or alcohol in connection with the assault.

AB 898 Chu

Chapter 537

DNA evidence: Sexual Assault Victims' DNA Bill of Rights

Establishes the "Sexual Assault Victims' DNA Bill of Rights." Among other things, requires a law enforcement agency investigating a felony sex offense, upon request of the victim, to promptly inform the victim of the status of the DNA testing of the rape kit evidence.

AB 936 Reyes

Chapter 355

Trespass: maternity wards

Provides protections against baby stalking by making it a misdemeanor to enter and remain in a neonatal unit, maternity ward, or hospital birthing center if the person has no lawful business there.

AB 976 Montañez

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Chapter 281

Victims of Crime: authorized representative

Authorizes the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board to recognize an authorized representative of the victim or derivative victim under rules adopted by the Board.

AB 1290 Jackson

Chapter 495

Firearms: prohibitions

Prohibits a person subject to an emergency stalking protective order or an elder or dependent abuse protective order from owning, purchasing or possessing a firearm while the order is in effect.

AB 1313 Parra
Sex offenders

URGENCY MEASURE

Chapter 634

Extends to Jan. 1, 2007, authorization to operate the state's Megan's Law database by which members of the public can access information disclosing the zip code of the approximately 100,000 registered sex offenders living in California.

AB 1488 Bates

Chapter 30

Domestic violence protective orders

Requires any person arrested for violating a domestic violence protective order who has made threats to kill, has engaged in violence or has gone to the workplace or residence of the protected victim, to appear in open court for a hearing before being released, either on their own recognizance or on reduced bail.

ACR 6 Cohn

Resolution Chapter 120

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Proclaims the month of October 2003 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

ACR 11 Cohn

Resolution Chapter 121

Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day

Proclaims October 8, 2003 as Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day.

ACR 28 Garcia

Resolution Chapter 44

Elder Abuse Prevention Month

Proclaims May 2003 as Elder Abuse Prevention Month and urges all Californians to be aware of elder abuse and to educate themselves on ways to prevent the mistreatment of vulnerable older adults in our communities.

ACR 64 Jackson

Resolution Chapter 17

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Resolves that the month of April be designated henceforth as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

SB 356 Alpert

Chapter 538

Sex offenders

Authorizes school district police departments to receive and access information in the state's Megan's Law database in the same manner as local police, sheriffs, CHP and the UC and CSU police departments. Allows school district police to disclose relevant information about registered sex offenders to members of the school community as needed.

SB 378 Morrow
Vehicles: license plates

Chapter 153

Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide a new set of license plates to victims of stalking who provide information showing they are the registered owner of the vehicle, documentation of their victimization, and who pay a standard fee for duplicate plates.

SB 399 Kuehl
Foreign protection orders

Chapter 134

Allows the enforcement of specified out-of-state restraining orders in California by expanding the definition of protective order to include orders issued under anti-stalking laws in the Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act.

SB 478 Dunn
Victims of crime: work absences for judicial proceedings

Chapter 630

Permits employees who are the victims, relatives of crime victims, or domestic partners of crime victims, to take leave from work to attend scheduled legal proceedings. This bill will afford crime victims and their families the chance to participate in judicial matters without fear of losing their job.

SCR 8 Battin
Child Abuse Prevention Month

Resolution Chapter 21

Acknowledges the month of April 2003 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and encourages Californians to support child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Women in Prison

SB 784 Karnette
Battered women's syndrome: writ of habeas corpus

Chapter 136

Extends until January 2010 provisions in existing law that give women convicted of killing their abuser prior to 1992 the right to file a petition based on the fact that the omission of expert testimony on "battered women's syndrome" during their trial prejudiced the final outcome of their case. This extension will give those inmates who already qualify enough time to file the petition and pursue this legal course of action.

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